

NON-NEGATIVE PERTURBATIONS OF NON-NEGATIVE SELF-ADJOINT OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. Let A be a non-negative self-adjoint operator in a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} and A_0 be some densely defined closed restriction of A_0 , $A_0 \subseteq A \neq A_0$. It is of interest to know whether A is the unique non-negative self-adjoint extensions of A_0 in \mathcal{H} . We give a natural criterion that this is the case and if it fails, we describe all non-negative extensions of A_0 . The obtained results are applied to investigation of non-negative singular point perturbations of the Laplace and poly-harmonic operators in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_n)$.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we deal with a non-negative self-adjoint operator A in a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , some densely defined not essentially self-adjoint restriction A_0 of A and again with self-adjoint extensions of A_0 in \mathcal{H} , which following [1] we call here *singular perturbations* of A . For quick getting onto the matter of main problem let us compare the point perturbations of self-adjoint Laplace operators $-\Delta$ in three and two dimensions acting in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_3)$ and $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_2)$, respectively, that is let us consider the restriction $-\Delta^0$ of $-\Delta$ onto the Sobolev subspaces $\mathbb{H}_2^2(\mathbf{R}_i \setminus \{0\})$, $i = 3, 2$ and self-adjoint extensions $-\Delta_\alpha$, $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$ of $-\Delta^0$ in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_i)$ with domains

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_\alpha^{(3)} &:= \left\{ f : f \in \mathbb{H}_2^2(\mathbf{R}_3), \lim_{|\mathbf{x}| \downarrow 0} \left[\frac{d}{d|\mathbf{x}|} (|\mathbf{x}|f(\mathbf{x})) - \alpha|\mathbf{x}|f(\mathbf{x}) \right] = 0 \right\}, \\ \mathcal{D}_\alpha^{(2)} &:= \left\{ f : f \in \mathbb{H}_2^2(\mathbf{R}_2), \lim_{|\mathbf{x}'| \downarrow 0} \left[\left(\frac{2\pi\alpha}{\ln|\mathbf{x}|} + 1 \right) f(\mathbf{x}) - \lim_{|\mathbf{x}'| \downarrow 0} \frac{\ln|\mathbf{x}|}{\ln|\mathbf{x}'|} f(\mathbf{x}') \right] = 0 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

The self-adjoint operators $-\Delta_\alpha$ are just mentioned above singular perturbations of $-\Delta$. Resolvents $(-\Delta_\alpha - z)^{-1}$, $z \in \rho(-\Delta_\alpha)$, of operators $-\Delta_\alpha$ act in the corresponding spaces \mathbb{L}_2 as integral operators with kernels (Green functions) [1]:

$$(1.2) \quad G_{\alpha,z}^3(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \begin{cases} G_z^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') + (\alpha - i\sqrt{z}/4\pi)^{-1} G_z^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, 0) G_z^{(0)}(0, \mathbf{x}'), \\ G_z^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \frac{\exp i\sqrt{z}|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{4\pi|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \text{ (three dimension);} \end{cases}$$

$$(1.3) \quad G_{\alpha,z}^2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \begin{cases} G_z^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') + 2\pi(2\pi\alpha - \psi(1) + \ln \sqrt{z}/2i)^{-1} G_z^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, 0) G_z^{(0)}(0, \mathbf{x}'), \\ G_z^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = (\frac{i}{4}) H_0^{(1)}(i\sqrt{z}|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \text{ (two dimension).} \end{cases}$$

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By (1.2) the Green function $G_{\alpha,z}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$ of self-adjoint operator $-\Delta_\alpha$ in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_3)$ is holomorphic on the half-axis $(-\infty, 0)$ for $\alpha \geq 0$ and has on this half-axis a simple pole for $\alpha < 0$. Hence in the case of three dimensions self-adjoint extensions $-\Delta_\alpha$ are non-negative for all $(\alpha \geq 0)$ and non-positive for $\alpha < 0$.

Contrary to this by (1.3) in the case of two dimensions for any $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$ the Green function $G_{\alpha,z}$ has a simple pole on the half-axis $(-\infty, 0)/$. Hence all singular perturbations $-\Delta_\alpha$ of the two-dimensional Laplace operators have one negative eigenvalue. In other words the standardly defined Laplace operator $-\Delta$ is the unique non-negative self-adjoint extension in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_2)$ of the symmetric operator $-\Delta^0$ in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_2)$.¹

In this note we try to reveal the underlying cause of such discrepancy. Remind that each densely defined non-negative symmetric operator has at least one non-negative canonical self-adjoint extension (Friedrichs extension). In more general setting we try to understand here why in some cases the non-negative extension appears to be unique. Actually this questions is embedded into the framework of the general extension theory for semi-bounded symmetric operators developed in the famous paper of M.G. Krein [2]. Naturally, there is a criterium of uniqueness of non-negative extension in [2]. In the next Section using only approaches of [2] we find another form of this criterium directly facilitated to investigation of singular perturbations and for cases where conditions of these criterium fail describe all non-negative singular perturbations of a given non-negative self-adjoint operator A associated with some its densely defined non-self-adjoint restriction A_0 . In fact we give here a parametrization of the operator interval $[A_\mu, A_M]$ of all canonical non-negative self-adjoint extensions of a given densely defined non-negative operator. The third Section illustrates obtained results by the example of singular perturbations of Laplace and poly-harmonic operators in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_n)$.

Note that very close results were obtained recently in somewhat different way in [3], where in terms of this note were described singular perturbations of the Friedrichs extension of a given densely defined non-negative operator and also with illustration by the example of singular perturbations of the Laplace operator in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_3)$.

2. UNIQUENESS CRITERIUM AND PARAMETRIZATION OF NON-NEGATIVE SINGULAR PERTURBATIONS

Let A be a non-negative self-adjoint operator acting in the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} and A_0 be a densely defined closed operator, which is a restriction of A onto a subset $\mathcal{D}(A_0)$ of the domain $\mathcal{D}(A)$ of A . Let us consider the subspaces $\mathcal{M} := (I + A_0)\mathcal{D}(A_0)$ and $\mathcal{N} := \mathcal{H} \ominus \mathcal{M}$. We will assume that

$$(2.1) \quad 1) \mathcal{M} \neq \mathcal{H}, \quad 2) \mathcal{N} \cap \mathcal{D}(A) = \{0\}.$$

We call all self-adjoint extensions of A_0 in \mathcal{H} other than the given A singular perturbations of A . It is of interest to know whether there are non-negative operators among singular perturbations of A . In this section we try to find a convenient criterium that such singular perturbations of A does not exist. In other words we look for a criterium that A is one and only non-negative operator among all self-adjoint extensions of A_0 . Following the approach developed in the renowned paper of M.G.

¹The attention of author to this phenomenon was drawn by Sergey Gredeskul.

Krein [2] let us consider the operator from $K_0 : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ defined by relations

$$(2.2) \quad f = (I + A_0)x, \quad K_0 f = \mathcal{A}_0 x, \quad x \in \mathcal{D}(A_0).$$

It is easy to see that K_0 is a non-negative contraction:

$$(2.3) \quad (K_0 f, f) \geq 0, \quad \|K_0 f\|^2 \leq \|f\|^2, \quad f \in \mathcal{M}.$$

Let A_1 be any non-negative self-adjoint extension of A_0 in \mathcal{H} . Then $K_1 := A_1(A_1 + I)^{-1}$ is a non-negative operator, which is a contractive extension of K_0 from the domain \mathcal{M} onto the whole \mathcal{H} , $K_1 f = K_0 f$, $f \in \mathcal{M}$.

From the other hand for any contractive extension K_1 from \mathcal{M} onto \mathcal{H} such that the unity is not its eigenvalue the non-negative self-adjoint operator $A_1 = K_1(I - K_1)^{-1}$ is a self-adjoint extension of A_0 in \mathcal{H} . Therefore A_0 has unique non-negative self-adjoint extension in \mathcal{H} if and only if K_0 admits only one non-negative contractive extension onto the whole \mathcal{H} , no eigenvalue of which $= 1$, that is $K = A(I + A)^{-1}$. So the uniqueness of A as non-negative extension of A_0 is equivalent to uniqueness of K_0 as non-negative contractive extension of K_0 .

From now on we will denote by \mathbf{G} the set consisting of A and all its singular perturbations and by \mathbf{C} the set of non-negative contractions obtained from \mathbf{G} by transformation $A_1 \rightarrow A_1(A_1 + I)^{-1}$, $A_1 \in \mathbf{G}$. Let us denote by $P_{\mathcal{M}}$ the orthogonal projector onto \mathcal{M} in \mathcal{H} and let $P_{\mathcal{N}} = I - P_{\mathcal{M}}$. With respect to representation of \mathcal{H} as the orthogonal sum $\mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{N}$ we can represent each operator from \mathbf{C} as 2×2 block operator matrix

$$(2.4) \quad K_X = \begin{pmatrix} T & \Gamma^* \\ \Gamma & X \end{pmatrix}$$

Here

$$T = P_{\mathcal{M}} K_0|_{\mathcal{M}}, \quad \Gamma = P_{\mathcal{M}} K_0|_{\mathcal{N}}.$$

and X is some non-negative contraction in \mathcal{N} , which distinguishes different elements from \mathbf{C} . Since each $K_X \in \mathbf{C}$ is non-negative and contractive then

$$(2.5) \quad T \geq 0; \quad T^2 + \Gamma^* \Gamma \leq I$$

Note further that

$K_X \in \mathbf{C}$ is equivalent to

$$(2.6) \quad K_X + \varepsilon I \geq 0; \quad (1 + \varepsilon)I - K_X \geq 0$$

for any $\varepsilon > 0$.

The block matrix representation of K_X and the Schur -Frobenius factorization formula transform (2.6) into the following block matrix inequalities:

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ \Gamma(T + \varepsilon)^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T + \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & X + \varepsilon - \Gamma(T + \varepsilon)^{-1} \Gamma^* \end{pmatrix} \times \\ \begin{pmatrix} I & (T + \varepsilon)^{-1} \Gamma^* \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \geq 0,$$

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -\Gamma(I + \varepsilon - T)^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \varepsilon - T & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + \varepsilon - X - \Gamma(1 + \varepsilon - T)^{-1} \Gamma^* \end{pmatrix} \times \\ \begin{pmatrix} I & -(1 + \varepsilon - T)^{-1} \Gamma^* \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

By our assumptions $T \geq 0$ and $I - T \geq 0$. Therefore block matrix inequalities (2.7) and (2.8) are reduced to

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{cases} X + \varepsilon I - \Gamma(T + \varepsilon I)^{-1} \Gamma^* \geq 0, \\ (1 + \varepsilon)I - X - \Gamma[(1 + \varepsilon)I - T]^{-1} \Gamma^* \geq 0, \varepsilon > 0. \end{cases}$$

Observe that operator functions of ε in the left hand sides of inequalities (2.9) are monotone. Setting

$$Y := X - \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \Gamma(T + \varepsilon I)^{-1} \Gamma^*$$

we conclude from (2.9) that $K_X \in \mathbf{C}$ if and only if

$$(2.10) \quad 0 \leq Y \leq I - \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \{ \Gamma(T + \varepsilon I)^{-1} \Gamma^* + \Gamma[(1 + \varepsilon)I - T]^{-1} \Gamma^* \}.$$

Hence the equality

$$(2.11) \quad I - \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \{ \Gamma(T + \varepsilon I)^{-1} \Gamma^* + \Gamma[(1 + \varepsilon)I - T]^{-1} \Gamma^* \} = 0$$

is the criterium that there are no contractive non-negative extension of K_0 in \mathcal{H} other than K .

Let us express now (2.10) and 2.11) in terms of given K and A . To this end we use the following proposition.

Proposition 2.1. *Let L be a bounded invertible operator in the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{N}$ given as 2×2 block operator matrix,*

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} R & U \\ V & S \end{pmatrix}$$

, where R and S are invertible operators in \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} , respectively, and U, V act between \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} . If R is invertible operator in \mathcal{M} , then

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{pmatrix} R^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = L^{-1} - L^{-1} P_{\mathcal{N}} \Lambda^{-1} P_{\mathcal{N}} L^{-1}, \quad \Lambda = P_{\mathcal{N}} L^{-1}|_{\mathcal{N}}.$$

Setting

$$(2.13) \quad \Lambda_{1,\varepsilon} = P_{\mathcal{N}}(K + \varepsilon I)^{-1}|_{\mathcal{N}} \quad \Lambda_{2,\varepsilon} = P_{\mathcal{N}}[(1 + \varepsilon)I - K]^{-1}|_{\mathcal{N}}$$

and applying (2.12) with $L = K + \varepsilon I$ and

$$\begin{aligned} R &= T + \varepsilon I & U &= \Gamma^* = P_{\mathcal{M}} K|_{\mathcal{N}} = P_{\mathcal{M}}[K + \varepsilon I]|_{\mathcal{N}} \\ V &= \Gamma = P_{\mathcal{N}} K|_{\mathcal{M}} = P_{\mathcal{N}}[K + \varepsilon I]|_{\mathcal{M}} & S &= P_{\mathcal{N}} K|_{\mathcal{N}} + \varepsilon I \end{aligned}$$

yields

$$\Gamma(T + \varepsilon I)^{-1} \Gamma^* = P_{\mathcal{N}} K|_{\mathcal{N}} + \varepsilon I - \Lambda_{1,\varepsilon}^{-1}.$$

In the same fashion we get

$$\Gamma[(1 + \varepsilon)I - T]^{-1} \Gamma^* = P_{\mathcal{N}}[I - K]|_{\mathcal{N}} + \varepsilon I - \Lambda_{2,\varepsilon}^{-1}.$$

Hence

$$(2.14) \quad I - \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} (\Gamma(T + \varepsilon I)^{-1} \Gamma^* + \Gamma[(1 + \varepsilon)I - T]^{-1} \Gamma^*) = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \Lambda_{1,\varepsilon}^{-1} + \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \Lambda_{2,\varepsilon}^{-1}.$$

Combining (2.10), (2.11) and (2.14) results in the following theorem.

Theorem 2.2. Let K be a non-negative contraction in the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{N}$, K_0 is the restriction of K onto the subspace $\mathcal{M} (= \mathcal{M} \oplus \{0\})$ and

$$G_1 = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} (P_{\mathcal{N}}[K + \varepsilon I]_{|\mathcal{N}})^{-1} \quad G_2 = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} (P_{\mathcal{N}}[I - K + \varepsilon I]_{|\mathcal{N}})^{-1}$$

Then the set \mathbf{C} of all non-negative contractive extensions K_X of K_0 in \mathcal{H} is described by expression

$$(2.15) \quad K_X = \begin{pmatrix} P_{\mathcal{M}}K|_{\mathcal{M}} & P_{\mathcal{M}}K|_{\mathcal{N}} \\ P_{\mathcal{M}}K|_{\mathcal{N}} & X \end{pmatrix},$$

where X runs the set of all non-negative contractions in \mathcal{N} satisfying inequalities

$$(2.16) \quad P_{\mathcal{N}}K|_{\mathcal{N}} - G_1 \leq X \leq P_{\mathcal{N}}K|_{\mathcal{N}} + G_2.$$

In particular, K is the unique non-negative contractive extension of K_0 if and only if $G_1 = G_2 = 0$.

Remark 2.3. The set \mathbf{C} of non-negative contractive of K_0 contains the minimal extension K_{X_μ} with $X_\mu = P_{\mathcal{N}}K|_{\mathcal{N}} - G_1$ in (2.15) and the maximal extension K_{X_M} with $X_M = P_{\mathcal{N}}K|_{\mathcal{N}} + G_2$ in (2.15). If $G_1 = 0$ ($G_2 = 0$), then K is the minimal (maximal) element of \mathbf{C} .

Theorem 2.2 can be formulated in terms of non-negative self-adjoint operator A and its non-negative singular perturbations.

Theorem 2.4. Let A be a non-negative self-adjoint operator in the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , A_0 is a densely defined closed symmetric operator, which is a restriction of A onto a linear subset $\mathcal{D}(A_0) \subset \mathcal{D}(A)$ such that $\mathcal{N} = (I + A)\mathcal{D}(A_0) \neq \{0\}$ and let

$$G_1 = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} (P_{\mathcal{N}}[I + A][A + \varepsilon I]_{|\mathcal{N}})^{-1} \quad G_2 = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} (P_{\mathcal{N}}[I + A][I + \varepsilon A]_{|\mathcal{N}})^{-1}$$

Then the set of all non-negative singular perturbations A_Y of A is described by the formula

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{cases} f = g - Y(I + A)g, \\ A_Y f = Ag + Y(I + A)g, \end{cases}$$

where $g \in \mathcal{D}(A)$ and Y runs the set of non-negative contractions in \mathcal{N} satisfying inequalities

$$(2.18) \quad -G_1 \leq Y \leq G_2.$$

A has no singular non-negative perturbations if and only if $G_1 = G_2 = 0$.

Remark 2.5. The set of all non-negative singular perturbations of A contains the minimal perturbation A_μ with and the maximal perturbation A_M such that any non-negative perturbation A_X satisfies inequalities

$$(I + A_M)^{-1} \leq A_Y \leq (I + A_\mu)^{-1}.$$

The corresponding values of parameters Y in Theorem 2.4 are

$$(2.19) \quad \begin{aligned} Y_\mu &= -G_1 \\ Y_M &= G_2 \end{aligned}$$

If $G_1 = 0$ ($G_2 = 0$), then the minimal (maximal) perturbation coincides with A .

By simple calculation we get from (2.17) the following version of the M.G. Krein resolvent formula.

Proposition 2.6. *The set of resolvents of all non-negative singular perturbations A_Y of A is described by the M.G. Krein formula*

$$(2.20) \quad (A_Y - zI)^{-1} = (A - zI)^{-1} - (1+z)(A+I)(A-zI)^{-1}Y[I+(1+z)P_{\mathcal{N}}(A+I)(A-zI)^{-1}Y]^{-1} \times \\ P_{\mathcal{N}}(A+I)(A-zI)^{-1},$$

where Y runs contractions in \mathcal{N} satisfying inequalities $-G_1 \leq Y \leq G_2$.

3. APPLICATION TO SOME DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS

Let us consider the multiplication operator A in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_n)$ by the continuous function $\varphi(k)$, $k^2 = k_1^2 + \dots + k_n^2$, such that $\varphi(k) > 0$ almost everywhere and

$$(3.1) \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(1+\varphi(k))^2} k^{n-1} dk < \infty.$$

A is a non-negative self-adjoint operator,

$$\mathcal{D}(A) = \left\{ f : \int_{\mathbb{R}_n} |1+\varphi(k)|^2 |f(\mathbf{k})|^2 d\mathbf{k} < \infty, f \in \mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_n) \right\}.$$

In the sequel $\hat{\delta}$ stands for the unbounded linear functional in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_n)$, formally defined as follows:

$$\hat{\delta}(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_n} f(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k}.$$

Note that the domain of $\hat{\delta}$ contains $\mathcal{D}(A)$. Let us denote by A_0 the restriction of A onto linear set

$$(3.2) \quad \mathcal{D}_0(A) := \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{D}(A), \hat{\delta}(f) = 0 \right\}$$

The closure of $A_0 \neq A$ and

$$\mathcal{N} = (\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_n) \ominus (I+A)\mathcal{D}_0(A)) = \left\{ \xi \cdot \frac{1}{1+\varphi(k)}, \xi \in \mathbf{C} \right\}.$$

Applying Theorem 2.4 yields

Proposition 3.1. *A is the unique non-negative self-adjoint extension of A_0 that is A has no non-negative singular perturbations if and only if*

$$(3.3) \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\varphi(k)(1+\varphi(k))} k^{n-1} dk = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(1+\varphi(k))} k^{n-1} dk = \infty.$$

Put $\varphi(k) = k^2$ and let $n = 2$. Then the both integrals in Proposition 3.1 are divergent. Hence the restriction A_0 of the operator A of multiplication by k^2 in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_2)$ onto the linear set (3.2) has unique non-negative self-adjoint extension in \mathbb{L}_2 . Note that the multiplication operator by k^2 in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_n)$ is isomorphic to the self-adjoint Laplace operator $-\Delta$ in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_n)$ and its concerned here restriction A_0 is isomorphic to the restriction $-\Delta$ onto the Sobolev subspace $\mathbb{H}_2^2(\mathbf{R}_n \setminus \{0\})$. As follows, the self-adjoint Laplace operator in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_2)$ has no non-negative singular perturbations with support at one point of \mathbf{R}_2 .

However, the non-negative singular perturbations of $-\Delta$ in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_2)$ with support at two or more points do already exist. For example, let us consider there the

restriction A_0 of the multiplication operator by k^2 , for which the defect subspace \mathcal{N} is one-dimensional and consists of functions collinear to

$$e_0(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1 - \exp(-i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0))}{1 + k^2}, \quad \mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbf{R}_2.$$

In this case

$$\begin{aligned} \|e_0\|^2 &= \int_{\mathbf{R}_2} \frac{4 \sin^2 \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0)}{(1+k^2)^2} \cdot d\mathbf{k} < \infty, \\ ((I + A)A^{-1}e_0, e_0) &= \int_{\mathbf{R}_2} \frac{4 \sin^2 \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0)}{k^2(1+k^2)} \cdot d\mathbf{k} < \infty, \\ ((I + A)e_0, e_0) &= \int_{\mathbf{R}_2} \frac{4 \sin^2 \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0)}{1+k^2} \cdot d\mathbf{k} = \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $G_1 = \|e_0\|^2 \cdot ((I + A)e_0, e_0)^{-1} > 0$, but $G_2 = 0$. As follows, the concerned restriction A_0 of the multiplication operator A by k^2 has non-negative self-adjoint extensions in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_2)$ others than A and A is the maximal element in the set of these extensions. It remains to note that A is isomorphic to the self-adjoint Laplace operator $-\Delta$ in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_2)$ and A_0 is isomorphic to the restriction of this $-\Delta$ on the subset of function $f(\mathbf{x})$ from $\mathcal{D}(-\Delta)$ satisfying conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{|\mathbf{x}| \rightarrow 0} (\ln |\mathbf{x}|)^{-1} f(\mathbf{x}) - \lim_{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0| \rightarrow 0} (\ln |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0|)^{-1} f(\mathbf{x}) &= 0, \\ \lim_{|\mathbf{x}| \rightarrow 0} \left[f(\mathbf{x}) - \ln |\mathbf{x}| \lim_{|\mathbf{x}'| \rightarrow 0} (\ln |\mathbf{x}'|)^{-1} f(\mathbf{x}') \right] - \\ \lim_{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0| \rightarrow 0} \left[f(\mathbf{x}) - \ln |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0| \lim_{|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}_0| \rightarrow 0} (\ln |\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}_0|)^{-1} f(\mathbf{x}') \right] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Put now as above $\varphi(k) = k^2$ and let $n = 3$. Then the first integral in Proposition 3.1 is convergent while the second one as before divergent. Hence the restriction A_0 of the operator A of multiplication by k^2 in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_3)$ onto the linear set (3.2) has infinitely many non-negative self-adjoint extension in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_3)$. As follows, the self-adjoint Laplace operator in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_3)$ has infinitely many non-negative singular perturbations with support at one point of \mathbf{R}_3 and the standardly defined Laplace the maximal element in the set of this perturbation.

As the next example we consider the multiplication operator A by k^{2l} in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_n)$ assuming that $4l \leq n + 1$. A is isomorphic to the polyharmonic operator $(-\Delta)^l$ in $\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbf{R}_n)$. Let us consider the restriction A_0 of A with the domain (3.2) that is non-negative symmetric operator which is isomorphic to the restriction of the polyharmonic operator $(-\Delta)^l$ onto the Sobolev subspace $\mathbb{H}_{2l}^2(\mathbf{R}_n \setminus \{0\})$. Applying Theorem 2.4 and Proposition 3.1 results in the following proposition.

Proposition 3.2. *If $n < 2l$ then there are infinitely many non-negative singular perturbations of $(-\Delta)^l$ associated with the one-point symmetric restriction A_0 and $(-\Delta)^l$ is the minimal element in the set of the non-negative extensions of A_0 in $\mathbb{H}_{2l}^2(\mathbf{R}_n \setminus \{0\})$.*

If $n = 2l$ then $(-\Delta)^l$ has no such perturbations in $\mathbb{H}_{2l}^2(\mathbf{R}_n \setminus \{0\})$.

If $n > 2l$ then there is the infinite set of non-negative singular perturbations of $(-\Delta)^l$ associated with A_0 and for those as non-negative extensions of A_0 in the set of the in $\mathbb{H}_{2l}^2(\mathbf{R}_n \setminus \{0\})$ the operator $(-\Delta)^l$ is the maximal element.

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